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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 14-71 and 73-78 are pending and are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

All pending claims 14-71 and 73-81 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome a double patenting rejection (*Office Action* p.2). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability. The pending claims 14-71 and 73-81 remain unchanged and are in condition for allowance.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 14-71 and 73-81 are subject to a provisional, statutory type double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 as conflicting with claims 1-19 of copending Application No. 11/218,803 (*Office Action* p.2).

The MPEP provides that between copending applications, if the “provisional” double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining in that application, the examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent, thereby converting the “provisional” double patenting rejection in the other application into a double patenting rejection at the time the one application issues as a patent (MPEP §804 I.B.).

As this is a provisional rejection (*Office Action* p.3), and no other rejections remain in the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the

1 provisional rejection be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP §804 I.B., and that the
2 application be allowed to issue.

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4 **Conclusion**

5 Pending claims 14-71 and 73-78 are in condition for allowance and
6 Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues
7 remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact
8 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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10 Respectfully Submitted,

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